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Dear Blaise Families,

I am writing to you all to wish you all an excellent holiday period and to thank you all for all of your support over the first unit of 23/24. It has been an incredible period for the school and one which we should all be very proud of as the children continue their climb up their own personal mountain to the very best universities in the country or careers of their choosing.

As you know, in September, we welcomed our latest cohort of Year 7s into the school and as well as welcoming the children in, we also welcomed the parents, running our first ever Year 7 parent BBQ at the end of the first week. We also, in the autumn, saw our exam results published, which for the first time ever put the school in the category of 'average' for a school on this site.

We have watched and enjoyed multiple sports fixtures, having seen girl's sport grow exponentially under Ms Coles we have enjoyed lots of success on the netball courts. We have also seen unparalleled success on the rugby pitch, with the Year 7 rugby team closing the season off with a 95 - 5 victory, and the year 8 team finishing with a 105 - 5 victory. Our success on the pitch has been matched by the engagement of students in enrichment activities, we had a fantastic enrichment showcase, our students have started training for the Ten Tors and for the Ten Tors jubilee competition, and Duke of Edinburgh. We also ran our first performing arts showcase for 18 months and welcomed over 100 parents to this. We have also increased seating for children, added canopies and purchased table football tables for use at break and lunch.

More recently we were delighted to welcome over 50 parents in for Christmas Dinner and the children have taken part in a host of rewards experiences for winning green points every day. We also, this year, have been recognised by Ofsted as being a 'good' school. As you know, we are very proud of this, and the whole school should also be very proud of it. We are already building in the improvements that will support us in taking the school to being an outstanding school next time Ofsted visit and will write to you in due course with regards to increased student voice, increased time for discussion and PSHE, and greater opportunities for students to demonstrate leadership.

We say goodbye to Mr Allan and Ms Chewins at the end of this term and wish them all the best on their next steps. I am enormously grateful to both for their work in the school, bettering the life chances of the children whom we serve. We also say good luck to Ms Cook and Ms Evans who are leaving on maternity leave.

I very much hope that everyone has a nice break, a rest, and time with loved ones over the festive period. We look forward to seeing all students return to school on the 4th January at the normal times.

Please find a video summary of this letter [here](#).

Yours faithfully,

Mr N Nabarro
Headteacher

